



Northwest Arctic Borough School District

"Educating Our Children to Lead Successful Lives"

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Leading the Way

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Mission:

To graduate students
with the skills and
confidence to be good
citizens.

Re: Teacher and Health Professional Housing
Grant Program

Dear Mr. Wiedle:

The Northwest Arctic Borough School District submitted three grant applications to AHFC last year. We are most appreciative that two of the three projects were selected for funding. Unfortunately, Deering, our highest priority was not one of the projects selected.

Vision:

"By 2012, NWABSD
will be in the top 10%
of districts in Alaska
based on graduation
rates and student
achievement."

We only have two apartments and six teachers in this community. We desperately need additional housing in order to attract teachers to fill the vacancies we have for next year. We purchased the Teen Center from the village and we will proceed with the renovation over the summer. In order to accomplish this we must allocate the funds we had available for match for the Shungnak and Selawik housing projects to Deering.

Regrettably, as we do not have a source of matching funds for these two projects at this time we must decline the grants. We do wish to reapply for funding next fiscal year.

With the support from the teacher housing program we have elevated the living conditions for teachers in five of our villages. We look forward to working with you in the future to upgrade the remaining units.

Sincerely,

Norman Eck, Ph.D.
Superintendent